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### NEW MAJOR IN OTHERS

A baccalaureate degree in social work will be granted in mid-year to several graduating seniors whose energies helped initiate the social work program and its acceptance as a degree major at Avila.

Student interest in the welfare of mid-city residents and a study revealing the demand for social work degree graduates in the many local private and government welfare agencies, were the determining factors in the Avila administration's decision to offer the social work major.

Student participation in curriculum planning has been active and forceful while the program was being designed. Students will continue to have full voice along with administration and faculty in reviewing curriculum strengths and changes. In at least one course the older students participate by teaching the younger ones, conducting classes and leading discussions, in management or supervisory roles.

While Avila has been warming up to social work for several years, with a program for Kansas City, Kansas welfare workers designed and offered last year, and the inclusion of Jim Currall as part time social work faculty member then, this is the first year a full-time social work faculty member has been on campus or that a degree has been offered in that discipline.

Miss Elizabeth Norris, Avila's social work instructor, comes from 10 years' experience at Catholic Family and Community Services, through the courtesy of Co-Swap (cooperative social welfare action program) and the initiative of graduating Avila student Kathy Aylward, who described the developing program to her and asked her to apply for the job she now holds. Miss Norris indicates that she doesn't mean to go on teaching indefinitely, saying "I belong in the field." But the field is where she is while she accompanies her students on their many visits throughout the community.

Her sophomore, junior, and senior field work students don't spend much time reading books on 119th street. They go to 23rd street or 19th street, to the program and the people they intend to serve. Students in that class have designed, set up and operated programs on something less than the proverbial shoestring. For their projects they went out on their own to secure money, equipment, places to meet — all were obtained through student initiative; nothing was given them for their very going programs in sewing, crafts and boys' club activities.



*Guests at the Social Work fall picnic in the Avila grove.*

Officials from CSWE, the accrediting agency for undergraduate social work education, teachers and students from other programs have been more than slightly impressed with the enthusiasm, talent and good work of these students and their instructors in Avila's newest degree program.

Asked if some of the less mature students did not have trouble relating to persons of radically different backgrounds and persuasions from their own, and persons with some pretty serious social problems, Miss Norris smiles and says "You should have seen them. And you should see them now. They really grow up. Some of these kids have just grown up."

And if that doesn't sound like some kind of an education, we wonder what does.

## GRANT MONEY COMES THROUGH

A federal construction grant of \$274,240 has been awarded Avila College for the construction of a combination theatre-nurse education center building. The grant, funded under Title I of the Higher Education Facilities Act of 1963, will help toward the one and one-half million dollar construction cost of the eighth building on Avila's campus; ground breaking is scheduled for spring of 1972.

## ONE THIRD OF NOTHING

Avila College Magazine, November 1971, reporting the initial Truman lecture by David E. Bell, noted that "a somewhat surprised audience learned (on October 12) that this country is now spending only one-third of its gross national product to help underdeveloped countries and that 11 other countries now lead the U.S. in per capita foreign aid monies." It should have read one-third of one percent. As of the U.S. decision to discontinue foreign aid entirely, it should read one-third of nothing.

## ART EXHIBIT

The works of Brother Melvin Meyers will be on display in Marian Center on the Avila campus during December and January, open to view daily 9-6. Come see.

## CURTAIN CALL



"Storybook Tales"

The Avila College Repertory theatre curtained its first season with a full house and an excellent reputation as a fledgling professional group, having stirred the hearts and imaginations of over 2,000 theatre-goers during the October 20-November 20 run. These are truly gifted players, and those of us who had the opportunity to see all their performances count ourselves fortunate. Congratulations to them and to their mentors for a job excellently done!

They have been asked to perform at other area theatres, and one television station hopes to film "Storybook Tales" for their audience. Keeping their goals high, the cast has also entered a competition to go on a U.S.O. tour this spring.

## WHERE THE GOOD IDEAS ARE

U. S. Representative Richard Bolling spoke to Avila students and faculty on U.N. Day, lending by his presence and his talk, his support to Avila's mundialization or "World consciousness."



*Dialogue: Richard Bolling with assistant professor Antonio Leon.*

To the question "What can we do?" from a young man in Avila's student audience, Bolling replied "You can think. It's a difficult job, but everybody's got to get into it because you never know where the good ideas are going to come from. That's what education and democracy are about."

Responding to a question about U.S. isolationism, Bolling remarked that it is "worse," and that the groups contributing to that condition are three: 1—the military isolationists, 2—the labor forces that feel threatened by economic competition, and 3—those who "fundamentally believe the U.S. is not part of the world."

## YOUR BASIC BARGAIN PIZZA

Extra large, superking, and your old man wears army boots — there was really no fantasy extravagant enough to describe the pizza Avila's big-thinking students ordered for their all-night fall fling on November 20. Fact is, it was 6 (six) feet in diameter. Enough to keep 400 college hungries busy about half a minute we hear. Grand total cost: \$14.

Furniture wanted: If you have chairs, sofas, pillows, tables, lamps or games that are suitable for a student recreation room, and if you are willing to part with them, call Mary Carol Liss at 942-9914 or Juanita Reyes at 942-9845.

## 'Mmmmm bye

Pauline Davis, who kept Avila's administration and classroom buildings clean and the inhabitants thereof happy for the past 3 years, retired recently on doctor's orders, with a heart condition. Some other hearts were touched at the president's farewell reception for her as she received gifts, made some witty observations, and kissed coworker Harry Gunnels goodbye.





## A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM AVILA'S PRESIDENT

"Christmas means an appreciation for family and friends. Christmas at Avila means the warmth of friendship and good will generated by the spirit of God who moves dynamically about and through us, ever creating and fulfilling our lives.

Our Avila College community — faculty, staff, and students — wish you that peace and love incarnated on the first Christmas night. All of your intentions will be remembered in prayer during the liturgy of the Christmas season.



*The Avila family is its alumni and friends. A recent visitor to the campus was Terry Beth Mayer Lewerenz '63, with son Steven, who caused quite a stir among the Avila community with his smile and jaunty gait.*

Learn something: Be a part-time Avila student. Art, Business, French, Education, Creative Writing, Math, Philosophy, Psychology, History and Stagecraft are among the 36 late afternoon, evening, and Saturday classes offered at Avila second semester. Contact the registrar for full schedule including class description and times.

## AVILA ON THE FRESH AIR

Sister Olive Louise, Avila president, and Ronald Bennett, development director, were on KAYQ (fresh air) radio Sunday evening November 7, to tell KAYQ's listeners about Avila's programs. Emphasis was given the Nursing program, the Social Work program and the Repertory Theatre season — all vitally community-oriented, all enhanced by Avila's excellent liberal arts curriculum. Avila's good name gets around.

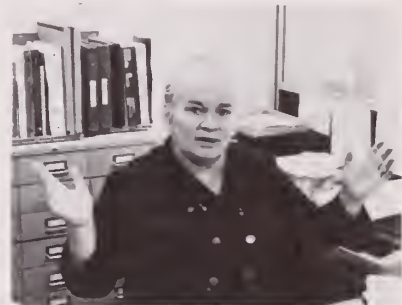


*Avila student nurse: Community Orientation*

## ALUMNI NOTES

Mary Higgins Montavy '37, secretary at Kansas City Life Insurance Company for 30 years, was recently featured in their business publication as a working wife. She also works weekends with her husband in their flower shop at 62nd and Oak.

Catherine Hix Dougherty '29, Dean Richard Scott's secretary was named secretary of the day by KMBZ recently, a well-deserved recognition. Caught in a candid moment, "Katie" explains, as she often does, the workings of the Avila offices to a newcomer. She's seen a lot of them as a staff member since 1963.



Joan Nikolai Kilian '50, writes that she hasn't "used" her degree but that not a minute of her education is wasted in her life. She and husband George have one daughter and six sons, ages 4-19. Recalling a paper written for Mrs. Scanlon's Family Life course on "What will be your happiest years?" Joan said she wrote that at age 35 her children would be almost grown, her husband settled in a career, and that life would be just one smooth, interesting day after another. "Here I am at 42," she exclaims, with a four-year old! How little we know what God has planned for us!" (Ed. note: recent experience indicates that life with a four-year old is somewhat more interesting than it is smooth.)

Peggy Byrne Skuce '58, answered her telephone in Toledo, Ohio recently to hear Sister Margaret Reinhart's hello. Sister, who was in Toledo for an Art meeting, reports that Peggy, her husband and three children are all doing well.

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## STUDENT REFERRAL CARD

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Thank you!  
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Patsy Maggard Neal '52 and her family are often in our thoughts as we walk through the corridor of the administration building where this lovely wood-carved statue of the virgin and child are silhouetted against the sun. The statue was a gift brought to the sisters by the Neals from Germany.



Rosemary Cannon Kilker '60 was awarded the Jayhawker R.N. award for "the instructor creating the most effective learning environment during 1970-71" by the senior class of nurses at the Kansas University Medical Center.



Jeannie Carter Ryan '62, wrote from her new home in Moorestown, New Jersey to say she's being a good wife and mother (3 boys), teaching charm classes, doing volunteer work for psychiatric patients and in a library, keeping fit with yoga, bowling and golf, and working up to teaching a class in

Fascinating Womanhood, by Helen Andelin. "Wish it had been required reading at Avila." quoth she.

Genie Sullivan Moley '64, (Mrs. Michael) greets us from Ottumwa, Iowa where Michael teaches computer sciences at the state college. "We all like this better than industry... more time for family, hobbies and other interests!" Genie is actively involved in organizing a program for Ottumwa children who need special education. She earnestly requests suggestions about texts and programs from those of you who know about such matters.

Mary-Margaret Richardson '65, has been named FDA Consumer Specialist for Iowa and Missouri; she will be working in St. Louis.

Kathleen Drozda Pattersen '65, reports from Wichita that husband Philip is the field representative for the Kansas Regional Medical Program, employed by the K.U. Medical Center.

Margaret Ann Clossick Hurley '68, received a Master's degree in Reading Education from U.M.K.C. in June, 1971. She and her husband, Tom, a brother of Pat Hurley '68, are in North Carolina where he is pursuing graduate study at Duke University.

Loretta Knipper Bosley '70, and husband Robert live on a military post in Wahiawa, Hawaii where she enjoys her work at the Armed Services Special Education Training School for dependent children.

#### CLASS '61

Captain and Mrs. F.C. Ordonio (Margie Ann Blickhan), a son, Robert Gerard, on November 13 in South Bend, Indiana.

#### CLASS '64

Mr. and Mrs. L.H. Fahlstrom, Jr. (Rosemary Engel), a daughter, Carol Ann Marie, on October 17 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. McCowen (Jesdon Haake), an adopted daughter, Amy Kathleen, on August 5 in Atlanta, Georgia.

#### CLASS '65

Mr. and Mrs. Philip M. Patterson (Kathleen Drozda), a son, Philip Makar, Jr., on June 9 in Kansas City, Missouri.

#### CLASS '66

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zondca (Chris Zacher), a daughter, Ann Marie, on September 30 in Kansas City, Missouri, named in honor of her aunt, Sister Ann Marie Zacher, L.S.P. (Ann Marie Zacher '62).

#### CLASS '67

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Frank (Frances Gainey), a daughter, Kelly Marie, on October 8 in Dallas, Texas.

#### CLASS '69

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Featherston, Jr. (Geraldine Schloegel), a son, Samuel Stewart III, on October 10 in Houston, Texas.

## DEATHS

#### CLASS '47

Mrs. Yrineo Porras, mother-in-law of Mrs. Moses L. Porras (Kathryn McGuire), on October 22 in Kansas City, Kansas.

#### CLASS '51

Mr. Otto A. Schmid, father of Mrs. Robert J. Dapogny (Barbara Schmid), and grandfather of Mrs. Gerald L. Muehlberger (Cathy McClure '65), on October 29 in Kansas City, Missouri.

#### CLASS '53

Mr. Milton B. Schweiger, father-in-law of Mrs. Robert T. Schweiger (Barbara Reitz), on November 7 in Kansas City, Missouri.

#### CLASS '55

Mr. Andrew J. Schultz, Sr., father of Mrs. Edward F. Hughes, III (Rose Mary Schultz), on August 8 in St. Joseph, Missouri.

#### CLASS '65

Mr. Michael Farley, brother-in-law of Mrs. Dennis William Farley, Jr. (Janice McGuire), on October 30 in Vietnam.

## WEDDING

#### CLASS '73

Donna Darlene Perry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Perry, to Dr. Charles Alan Eddy on October 23 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Kansas City, Missouri.



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